

Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board Nominees Meeting

Tuesday, April 24, 2007, 1:00 pm
Capital Executive Tower
Second Floor Conference Room,
1700 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Minutes

Members/Nominees Present:

Nadine Mathis Basha, Chair
Rhian Evans-Allvin
Gary Pasquinelli
The Honorable Cecil Patterson, Jr.
Dr. Pamela Powell
Vivian Juan-Saunders; Chairwoman Tohono
O'odham Nation

Dr. Gene Thompson
Susan Gerard, Director, DHS
Anthony Rogers; Director, AHCCCS
Karen Woodhouse, Deputy Associate
Superintendent, ADE
Tracy Wareing, Director, DES

Members/Nominees Absent:

Jack Jewett
Paul Luna

Staff Present:

Early Childhood Development and Health Board (ECDHB)

Elliott Hibbs; Interim Executive Director
Donna Linkous, Support Services Administrator
Glenda Bye, Executive Staff Assistant

State School Readiness Board (SRB)

Karen Ortiz; Director
Sandy Foreman
Jennifer Johnson

Donna Migliore
Alicia Smith
Judy Walruff

Presentations by:

Linda Blessing; Consultant
Leslie Anderson; National Technical Assistance Center (NTAC) Advisor
Karen Woodhouse; Arizona Department of Education
Vivian Juan-Saunders; Chairwoman Tohono O'odham Nation
Karen Ortiz; Office of Governor Napolitano

Guests:

Julianne E. Hartzell, AEEF
Diana Abel, Rio Salado College
Janet Johnson, Rio Salado College
Holly Henley, AZ State Library
Jennifer Pollock, Office of the Attorney General
DeAnn Davies, Phoenix Children's Hospital
Goldie LaPorte, Banner Health

Diane Umstead, Blak Foundation
Mary Lamm, Child & Family Resources-Tucson
Barbara Mezzio, CAC
Joanne Floth, AZ AEYC
Janita Gordon, AEEF
Charity Russell, Pinal Gila Comm Child Service

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by the chair.

II. Call to the Public

The Chair issued the Call to the Public and explained that this part of the meeting had been moved to the beginning instead of having it at the conclusion of the meeting. The public was advised of a new, draft Call to the Public Form available at the guest sign in table. Guests were instructed to complete a form if they wished to address the Board. There was no one in the public audience who came forward to address the Board.

III. Discussion, Consideration and approval of Minutes of March 27, 2007 Meeting

The chair asked the Board if they had reviewed the minutes and if there were any changes. Mr. Patterson moved that the minutes be accepted. Ms. Evans-Allvin seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The Board voted and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Update regarding Board's Governance Issues

a. Executive Director Search Process

Ms. Blessing addressed the board regarding a posting of the position for recruitment, salary range, a draft of the leadership characteristics, and a timeline for recruitment. The Board suggested a few changes, which Ms. Blessing will make. Some of the Board members suggested that the timeline for the recruitment and selection was too quick. Ms. Blessing was urged to ensure an adequate amount of time be provided to identify and recruit the best candidates. It was agreed that the Board does not want to rush the process. The job posting is presently on 750 websites and in 138 newspapers and special publications across the country. The Board discussed the salary range and expressed concern that it may be too low to attract the best candidate. It was explained that the salary is subject to ADOA approval. The question was asked if the Board could pay relocation expenses should they choose a candidate from outside Arizona. There are no provisions for any state agency to pay relocation expenses.

b. Policy Manual – Table of Contents

A draft was presented to the Board. There was no discussion

c. Policy Issues related to:

- **Meeting Procedures – Policy 1-104**

A draft for general meeting procedures was presented to the Board. It stated that the Board would follow the rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.

- **Call to the Public Procedure – Policy 1-105**

Ms. Blessing presented and described the process for obtaining public comment at the beginning of each Board meeting. It was discussed and will be brought back for action by the Board at the May meeting.

V. National Technical Assistance Center (NTAC) Advisor Report on Grant Activities to Date Regarding Creation of NTAC's Recommendations and Technical Assistance Plan for Arizona

Ms. Anderson has been with Smart Start since its inception and involved in early childhood prior to that. She discussed the grant to the State of Arizona in the form of a draw for \$150,000. She compared this draw as being similar to shopping in a "candy store" for early childhood development. The store will be open for approximately 2 years to draw resources and people to help Arizona develop strong early childhood programs. This includes advice and counsel on designating regions within the state and appointing Regional Counsels. Copies of the "National Technical Assistance Plan," which covers in great detail; the background of the Arizona's Initiative; an overview of the Technical Assistance Plan; The Technical Assistance Plan; Grantee Requirements; the NTAC Commitment; and Sources from which the "Plan" was comprised were handed out. Ms. Anderson gave the Board information regarding the Smart Start conference in Greensboro, NC on May 8-10, 2007. Ms. Anderson also discussed the need for public engagement and marketing a "brand" that shows people the Board's work.

VI. ADE Presentation Regarding Pre-Kindergarten to Adult Education

Ms Woodhouse informed the Board that there are seven major funds and programs that directly impact or provide services in Early Childhood Education for kids. There are a number of other programs that impact kids but do not provide direct services; however, they do things that directly impact kids throughout the schools. Details of the funds and programs were outlined in a handout. There are early learning standards established for children in Arizona ages three to five, but not for ages zero to three, but these are currently in the works. Most of the Department of Education participating programs must be licensed by the Department of Health Services Child Care Licensing in order to receive funding from ADE. Ms. Woodhouse discussed the "No Child Left Behind" and provided handout materials on the subject. An assessment tool to monitor progress and outcomes is covered in detail in packet that was distributed. Data is currently being fed into the system and training of providers is

ongoing. Since this is a new program, precautions are being taken to minimize reporting errors. The data base validity will be viewed cautiously during this first year.

VII. Update Regarding Tribal Governments, including Interface with Proposition 203

Chairwoman Juan-Saunders is the Chair of the Tohono O'odham Tribe and a link between the Board and Inter Tribal Communities. Joining the Chairwoman was Jacob Moore who is with the Inter Tribal Department of Education. Chairwoman Juan-Saunders urged the Board to begin dialog and make every effort to meet with entities on and off the reservations. The handouts outline Facts about the Native Americans; Tribal Sovereignty; Tribal Governments; Prop 203 Implementation (the right to participate) and up-coming efforts related to Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Programs; Prop 202 provides for Inter Tribal communities to provide 12% of the gaming funds to contribute to Prop 203, annually. Chairwoman Juan-Saunders informed the Board there will be significant discussion on the Regional Partnership in preparation for the March 1, 2008 deadline for Inter Tribal governments determining whether they will work with established partnerships or establish their own. The Inter Tribal governments in the U. S. are a nation within a nation. Mr. Moore addressed the Board regarding the Inter Tribal government and the need to have cooperation in education, health care and law enforcement so as to have accomplishments in a way that everyone benefits. The Inter Tribal community can not increase taxes on tobaccos to help assist Prop 203 as it would not be economically feasible for the survival of the tribes. Mr. Moore pointed out that this is not a race based relationship but rather a government to government relationship that needs to be achieved. On June 5, 2007, a meeting is set to discuss the ideas on how the Inter Tribal governments can assist with Prop 203.

VIII. Regional Council Boundaries:

Review Guidelines and Plan for Establishing Regional Boundaries

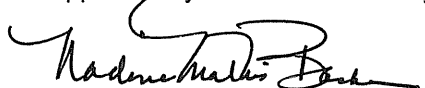
Ms. Ortiz presented the Board with an outline that detailed the statutory requirements. Recommended guidelines and the next steps towards reaching goals in the evaluation process were passed out to the Board. Ms Ortiz asked that the Board review the Action Plan and take note of the timeline dates.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm by the Chair.

Copies of materials referenced in the minutes are available upon request.

Approved by the Board February 26, 2007:



Nadine Mathis Basha, Chairman

Attachments

1. Member/Nominee sign in
2. Guest sign in